

## Torrance Entry In Bay League Favored By CIF

At the Southern California executive committee meeting of the California Interscholastic Federation Tuesday, a motion was made to include Torrance high school in the Bay league at the start of the 1947 fall school term.

According to Lloyd Wallace, Redondo Union high school vice principal, final approval of Torrance entry into the Bay league will be decided at a CIF Council meeting to be held Saturday in Compton.

## DDT USE FOUND DAMAGING TO CAMELLIA PLANTS

Severe injury of camellias has been observed following application of DDT for insect control, according to information received by M. H. Kimball, assistant farm advisor in Los Angeles county, from entomologists at Los Angeles.

The entomologists warn against using the new wonder insecticide on camellias until studies show which varieties are subject to damage and what strengths of spray are safe.

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## Six Juveniles Here Find Teeth In Curfew Law

Six Los Angeles juveniles, two of whom are 16-year-old girls, were the first here to feel the county-wide curfew law which went into effect last week. The youthful group, picked up in front of a cafe near Five Corners at 3 a.m., and brought to the Torrance police station, were held until their parents arrived.

Police Chief John H. Stroh declared that files would be kept on all juveniles brought to the station after the 10 p.m. curfew. He implied that the first offense would bring a warning to the parents but the second offense would result in the juvenile being certified to juvenile court. Upon their certification, Stroh revealed, charges will be brought against the parents.

Stroh pointed out that the youngsters under 18 who attend the local dances will not be subject to this order for the time being, provided the juvenile stays in the dance and does not loiter on the outside. Any outside loitering or sitting in parked autos will be dealt with as an infraction upon the curfew law, he said.

When asked what would happen to an out-of-town juvenile returning home from a dance who may be picked up by Los Angeles or county officers, Stroh said: "That will be a problem between the outside law enforcement officers and the juvenile picked up. We are not attempting to create alibis for the kids by letting them attend local dances, but we are endeavoring to give the after-curfew hour dance a chance to work out. If the youths here want to impose upon the law then there will be no alternative but to enforce the ordinance to the letter."

**NEPHEW VISITS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Warthan, 650 Border ave., are entertaining as their house guest their nephew Jerry Woodford, who arrived this week from Canandaigua, N. Y.



**TELL NUPTIAL VOWS . . .** Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fred Saylor, whose marriage was solemnized in a beautifully impressive ceremony at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dean, 1443 Post ave. Mrs. Saylor is the former Miss Joyce Adorene Rathbun.

## Drunk Drivers Have Bad Week In City Court

A Torrance jury Tuesday in City Court convicted John Oates, 21, Long Beach, of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Oates, who was arrested following an automobile accident here in which he was involved, plead not guilty to the charge and asked for the jury trial. City Judge John Shidler fined the defendant \$150 following conviction.

Pleading guilty to drunk driving and operating a vehicle while his operator's license was revoked, Richard J. Fowler, 38, Long Beach, drew a sentence of 180 days in the county jail on each charge. Judge Shidler suspended 150 days on each sentence and ordered the remaining time to run concurrently.

Apolino Ramirez, 43, 203rd st., was fined \$100 upon his plea of guilty to driving an auto while drunk.

Also drawing a fine here was Clyde Miller, 44, Redondo Beach, who paid \$125 into the local court following his plea of guilty to a drunk driving charge.

## Regulations On Rentals Clarified

Official notice and clarification of the new rent increase which may be granted landlords has just been received by Charles H. Blaylock, associate rent director of the Long Beach and Harbor area rent office, 110 E. Anaheim st., Long Beach.

No new regulation is involved, Blaylock said, but there is a relaxation of the interpretation of Section (A-11) of the Housing Regulation, whereby if a housing unit was rented and frozen at a rent below comparability for similar housing accommodations which were rented on the maximum rent date, March 1, 1942, landlords may now petition this office to increase the rent to comparable rents.

The landlord must have a reasonable explanation for the low maximum rent and must show that the rent was lower than the rent of a like accommodation which was frozen on the maximum rent date, March 1, 1942. Blaylock further stated that newly constructed units are not affected by the relaxation of this interpretation as these maximum legal rents are established by the Federal Housing Administration.

This will enable us, Blaylock said, to assist those landlords who through sympathy, compassion or other like conditions were frozen with lower rents than their neighbors for similar accommodations.

The increase is not automatic but by petition only, and forms for landlord's use are available upon request at the local rent office.

## PTA Homecoming Marks Fiftieth Anniversary

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers will be celebrated by every branch of the organization from the state down to the smallest local Parent Teachers Association throughout the nation during the month of February.

It will be truly a homecoming day for most of the associations for past presidents, former officers and members will return for another Founder's Day, this year marking fifty years for the organization.

Gateway P. T. A. Council will meet at Banning high school at 10 o'clock Monday morning with president Mrs. J. S. Dresser welcoming past Council presidents and former officers; Tenth District president Mrs. Joseph S. Hook and Mrs. R. S. Gangestad, Tenth District Public Welfare chairman for their Founder's Day.

Mrs. Gangestad will speak on the toy loan libraries and ask the Council to participate in a toy loan drive for Juvenile Hall.

Mrs. Herbert Johnston, Founder's Day chairman and Mrs. Maud Moseley, chairman of the Founder's Day program which will include a tableau of important dates during the fifty years history of the organization in appropriate costume. Music will be furnished by the Banning High School string ensemble.

Mrs. L. A. Stump, consumer education instructor and past president of Lomita-San Pedro P. T. A. Council, will give a brief talk on the new materials on the market today, their texture and care.

A large decorated Founder's Day cake will be cut and served and luncheon will follow in the school auditorium.

Redondo Union Council will hold its Founder's Day program Feb. 14 with luncheon in Manhattan Beach and with vesper services Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. at Redondo High school. Mrs. W. C. Graham, president of Perry P. T. A., is in charge of arrangements for Torrance parents and teachers.

The Lomita-San Pedro P. T. A. Council will hold their annual Founder's Day at Torrance Elementary school Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 9:45 a.m., with Mrs. John Garner, president, in charge.

Torrance Elementary P. T. A. will be assisted by Fern ave. and Walteria Elementary associations in entertaining past presidents and other officers who have been instrumental in making history for the Council, who will be special guests.

## A. W. Anderson Commands Navy Reserve Unit

Lt. Comdr. Adrain W. Anderson, USNR, of Lomita, has received orders as temporary commanding officer of the Seventh Battalion Organized Naval Reserve. Executive officer of the harbor unit, Comdr. Anderson, will be in acting command pending assignment of a relief for Comdr. J. B. Duffy Jr., who has orders to another battalion.

Named as "cruise officer" for the 7th Battalion's three component divisions and staff, Lt. Comdr. Jones A. Sullivan urges that all Naval reservists make early plans for their annual two-weeks duty at sea. Destroyer cruises are scheduled from Pacific coast ports for March 9 to 23 and April 6 to 20, while from May 18 through Sept. 21 various fleet vessels will conduct training exercises for reservists.

Annual 14-day cruises, with full pay and allowances, are mandatory for members of the Organized Reserve. Comdr. Sullivan emphasizes, while volunteer reserve officers and enlisted personnel on inactive duty may take the cruises, without pay, if accommodations are available.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF PHILIPPINE CONSUL OFFICE IN L.A. DUE

Establishment in Los Angeles of a consulate of the Philippine Republic was expected this week, according to information received here yesterday from the consulate general in San Francisco by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the world trade committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

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## Wages Increase Faster Than Costs New Survey Says

Average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries in Los Angeles have increased 82 percent since 1940. During the same period prices have risen 52 percent.

These figures were released by the Merchants and Manufacturers association following a compilation and analysis based upon publication of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the California Department of Industrial Relations.

The survey showed that manufacturing production workers in the Los Angeles area received a \$5 increase in average weekly earnings during 1946, while the average number of hours worked per week decreased slightly. Los Angeles manufacturing workers are now paid 21 cents more per hour than the average in the nation as a whole, earning \$8.42 more per week.

## MOOSE IRON LUNG TO BE PRESENTED CITY FEBRUARY 19

Moose lodge No. 785 will formally present to the City of Torrance an iron lung purchased with funds raised during a demonstration in this city recently, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, the Council was informed by J. W. Barker, Moose secretary.

The lung, it is reported, will be installed in the Art Sullivan ambulance and can be used in several types of respiratory cases, including shock, drowning and polio. Sullivan is the city ambulance contractor.

**IS CONVALESCENT**  
Lance Mearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mearing, of 2211 Andreo ave., is recovering from an operation which he underwent at Seaside hospital, Long Beach.

## Prosecutor Is Retained For Benner Case

Charges against J. J. Benner, relieved from his duties as fire captain several weeks ago, will be prosecuted before the Civil Service Board by Paul Sheedy, specialist in Civil Service law, on Feb. 4, it was revealed Tuesday night as the City Council voted funds to retain the special prosecutor on the case.

Benner, Torrance Fire department member since 1934, was relieved on charges brought by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster to bring to an end, it is said, years of alleged friction in the department. According to Civil Service Board records, the charges include refusing to carry out orders and not conducting his work in an efficient manner.

The hearing before the Civil Service Board opened Monday, presided over by Chairman George P. Thatcher, and were continued until next Tuesday night.

## Walkers Start Trip Homeward Via Cuban Port

Blaine Walker, secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Walker are en route home from their trip to Venezuela and Cuban ports.

The left Maracaibo, Venezuela, on Jan. 21, and will touch up 5,000 tons of sugar before heading back to the United States.

In a card to the Torrance Herald, he said that politics are brewing in Maracaibo, with "everybody running for something, campaigns, speeches, posters and everything, but no one knows when the election will be." He said the American dollar is bringing only about 60 cents at Venezuelan ports.

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## Polling Place Location At THS Protested

Complaints of election officers and voters that the polling place at Torrance High School on Jan. 24 virtually was hidden in damp quarters in the basement under the stage of the school auditorium were voted this week.

In the heavy fog, it is reported that many voters had difficulty locating the polling place, and county election officials said that it had been anticipated that the voting would take place in the main building of the school, a common practice in such elections.

Election officers said that they were escorted to the basement under the stage by the head custodian at the high school, who made the statement that he had not been instructed as to where they should be placed. Only upon complaint of many voters were they removed to the foyer of the auditorium, it was said.

The Jan. 22 election results in the joining of Torrance with Redondo Union High School district for high school purposes when the Torrance City School District is formed next year.

## APPLICATION OF FELDING FOR GARAGE IS DENIED

The application of Harry Felding to conduct business as the Felding garage at 2361 248th st., Lomita, has been denied by the Board of Supervisors.

Board action was taken after an investigation which found that applicant did not meet the requirements of the county building and fire prevention codes.

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